

DANIEL 2; July 10; Daniel Tells & Interprets the King's Dream

ANALYSIS:

1. What is King Nebuchadnezzar's problem as this chapter opens?

2. Why were the king's magicians, astrologers & sorcerers in danger?

3. What did Daniel do when he learned of the king's demand regarding his dream? _____

4. What did the four distinct parts of the great image stand for?

5. What followed the fourth kingdom, and how was it different from the four kingdoms? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Daniel faced a life or death situation when the king called for the execution of all wise men. Daniel enlisted his three companions to desire mercies of God in asking that the dream and the interpretation be revealed to them. As soon as the prayer was answered, Daniel said, "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his ... I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers ... for thou hast made known unto us the king's matter" (vs 17-23).

Have you called your family or friends together for prayer over a matter of need? Let us follow Daniel's example. Jesus said, "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father" (Mt 18:19).

HELP:

1. His dream troubled his spirit, and he could not sleep (v 1).

2. The king demanded his magicians tell him what he had dreamed (and they could not do this) and the interpretation, or they would be put to death (v 5).

3. Daniel asked the king for a little time and he would show the king the dream and the interpretation; then he and his fellows asked God for help, and the secret was revealed in a night vision, and Daniel blessed God (vs 16-19).

4. Four great kingdoms; beginning with Nebuchadnezzar as the head of gold, followed by three succeeding kingdoms (vs 37-40).

5. A stone cut out with out hands, that smote the image on its feet and destroyed it completely, and it filled the whole earth and it stood forever (vs 34-35, 44).